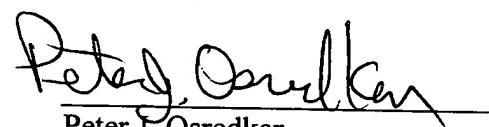


the Response and Amendment and is now submitting a complete copy of the clean version of the replacement paragraphs and the amended claims.

Applicant believes that the elected set of claims are now in condition for allowance and earnestly requests that the claims pass to issue. If the Examiner believes that contact with Applicant's attorney would aid in the examination of the application, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below. The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees not included herewith to Deposit Account 501-546.

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